GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:43
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RATIO OF POLICE PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the present police-public ratio in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the said ratio is as per the recommendations of the United Nations;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by the Government to improve the police-public ratio in the country; and

(e) the names of the States which have enacted their own Police Acts in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (d) : As per data compiled by the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D), a statement indicating State-wise police-population ratio, as on 1.1.2009, is annexed. The minimum UN norm is 220 and when compared with UN norms, we are short of policemen.

'Police' being a State subject as per VII Schedule to the Constitution of India, the responsibility to fill up the vacancies in police and to improve the police-population ratio rests with the respective State Governments. However, the State Governments have been advised from time to time in various forums by the Ministry to fill up the existing vacancies in police forces, e.g. the Conference of Chief Ministers held on 6.1.2009, 17.8.2009, 7.2.2010 and 1.2.2011.

(e) : In the Model Police Act circulated by the Ministry of Home Affairs in October, 2006 to various States for appropriate consideration, there is a provision in Section 4(1) to the effect that the Police Service shall consist of such numbers in various ranks and have such organisation as the State Government may, by general or special orders, determine. So far, 12 States have amended their existing Police Act or enacted a new Act. Majority of them like Assam, Bihar, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Tripura, Rajasthan, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Haryana have made similar provisions in their enactment.